

My name is Maria Melchiorre. I am extremely grateful to receive assistance from the Respite Care Program. As a resident of Montgomery County of 45 years and a Maryland tax payer this service is vital for my ability to care for my husband, Carmine A. Melchiorre who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting your reconsideration of increasing the available hours provided to us.

The ability to be part of this program allows me to have a little time for myself. While this is unimportant for many people it is our survival mechanism to deal with such a terrible illness. My husband cannot be left alone. As such it is rare that I am able to take a little breathing time to sometimes go to the grocery store, get a haircut and just take occasional walk to clear my mind from the stress of dealing with my husband illness

Once again, I am respectfully, asking you to please reconsider your decision and increase the hours for this important and vital program. Believe me, it is one of the most effective uses of our tax dollars. This program helps us victims of this horrible disease survive. Your reconsideration and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Maria Melchiorre

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